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Annual Report  
to Donors

## ON THE COVER

The *Native Truths: Our Voices, Our Stories* exhibition allows visitors to connect with diverse Native stories through art, historic collections, and even the exhibition hall itself. The exhibition design features copper (background) and birch bark (foreground), two materials important to many Native American tribes.

## DEAR FRIENDS,

This report contains highlights of our work in 2022. As you will see, so much of what we do is brought to life by an extraordinary community of donors, none a more dedicated friend to the Field Museum than our late Board Chair W. Rockwell Wirtz, whose leadership and philanthropy inspired the best of our work. The Museum mourns his loss, remembers his legacy, and strives to meet the example he set.

Under Rocky's thoughtful leadership, in 2022 the Trustees of the Field Museum approved a new mission statement to emphasize a responsibility to our shared planet and each other: *The Field Museum connects all of us to the natural world and the human story.*

This mission is at the heart of a new Strategic Plan, which prioritizes reimagining our galleries of Africa and ancient Egypt, strengthening our digital presence, engaging more of the communities we serve, and rededicating ourselves to research and environmental conservation that is the core of our academic enterprise.

In 2022, within the Museum and across the globe, Field Museum scientists oversaw more than 200 research projects. Among many breakthroughs, they discovered that birds are laying eggs earlier due to climate change; *Spinosaurus* was aquatic; a wildflower thought to be extinct still blooms in Peru; and asteroids sometimes spin off pebbles. Alongside these discoveries, we saw the return of familiar Museum audiences—students, tourists, and families—following several years of pandemic-affected attendance.

We are grateful for your tremendous support of the Field Museum and look forward to sharing more with you in the months to come. Thank you.

Sincerely,



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Julian Siggers".

**Julian Siggers, PhD**  
President and CEO



A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S. Mehta".

**Siddharth (Bobby) Mehta**  
Board Chair



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# DISCOVERY

150 Field Museum scientists fuel discovery for the global scientific community, in addition to the Museum's donors, members, and visitors. Your support enables them to explore the Earth and its peoples, and care for the Museum's 40 million objects and specimens.





## A SUCCESSFUL RETURN TO FIELDWORK

A team of researchers—including Curator John Bates, PhD—embarked on a month-long Antarctic trip by sailboat around the Falklands, Antarctic Peninsula, South Shetland Islands, and South Georgia Island. Their study focused on penguin colonies of nine different species, from which they collected samples for a spectrum of genetic and dietary research. These samples are expanding upon prior collecting by several of the team's members and serve as a basis for a graduate dissertation and thesis. The trip was funded by a grant from the museum's Robert A. Pritzker Center for Meteoritics and Polar Studies.

(Opposite) Chinstrap Penguin  
(*Pygoscelis antarcticus*)  
nesting site, Gerlashe Island,  
Antarctic Peninsula.

(Above) King Penguin  
(*Aptenodytes patagonica*)  
Colony, St. Andrews Bay,  
South Georgia Island.



## NEW SPECIES OF FROG DISCOVERED IN THE AMAZON

A team of Field Museum researchers made strides in the study of a tiny, elusive burrowing frog native to the Amazon. Because *Synapturanus danta* is so small and lives underground, it can be extremely difficult to find despite being easily recognized for its distinctive, tapir-like head. Thanks to the help of local guides, an international team of researchers found the frog and gave it an official scientific name and description. Researchers said that studying the *Synapturanus danta* may be important to habitat monitoring and rainforest conservation efforts.



## RESEARCHERS RE-DISCOVER AN EXTINCT FLOWER

Centinela ("Sentinel"), an isolated mountain ridge on the coast of Ecuador, is a biodiversity hotspot with several endemic species. Unfortunately, it was cleared for agriculture in the early 1990s and much of its unique biodiversity was lost. The area remained largely unstudied until a team funded by the Field Museum's Women's Board and Grainger Bioinformatics Center traveled to Centinela and discovered numerous, though small, healthy forest remnants and plant specimens, including the flag-bearer of the Centinela Extinction, *Gasteranthus extinctus*. This herb with stunning neon orange flowers was last collected 37 years ago and named after its own presumed extinction.

## FROM THE SEAFLOOR TO THE SEASHORE

Associate Curator Janet Voight, PhD, collaborated with the Field's artist-in-residence Peggy Macnamara on a vividly illustrated look at Voight's marine research. *From the Seashore to the Seafloor: An Illustrated Tour of Sandy Beaches, Kelp Forests, Coral Reefs, and Life in the Ocean's Depths* brings the wonder she experienced on her twenty-two research cruises to readers of all ages.

Get your copy of *From the Seafloor to the Seashore* at the Field Museum Store or online at [store.fieldmuseum.org](https://store.fieldmuseum.org).

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## SCIENTISTS DISCOVER THE FIRST EVIDENCE OF FRUIT-EATING

In 2022, a study in *eLife* co-authored by Jingmai O'Connor, PhD, the Field's Associate Curator of Fossil Reptiles, details the first evidence of fruit consumption by any animal. In this case, the evidence comes from a specimen of the fossil bird, *Jeholornis*, that was found with whole fossil seeds in its stomach, suggesting that it ate whole fruits rather than just the seeds. Fruit-bearing plants evolved relatively recently in Earth's history, and this new fossil evidence provides a timeline for how modern plants were dispersed around the world, deepening scientists' understanding of the plant-animal relationship.

(Background) The Cretaceous bird *Jeholornis* helped fruit-bearing plants take over the world by spreading the seeds in its droppings.





## LARGE COLLECTION OF FOSSIL METEORITES GIFTED TO THE MUSEUM

A collection of more than 115 fossil meteorites was contributed to the Field Museum by The Boudreaux Family. These fossils are remnants of asteroid collisions which occurred 467 million years ago. The meteorites fell to earth, becoming buried and later fossilizing. Studying this collection will give scientists valuable insights into the development and evolution of our Solar System.

(Above) Maria Valdes, PhD, and Jim Holstein with specimens from the Boudreaux fossil meteorite collection.

**1,127,606**

NEW RECORDS ADDED TO COLLECTIONS DATABASE

**17,724**

SPECIMENS DIGITIZED DURING THE WEDIGBIO COMMUNITY SCIENCE EVENT

**620**

NEW BOOKS ACQUIRED BY THE LIBRARY

## RATS GROW BIGGER ON THE RAINIER SIDE OF MOUNTAINS

Ecogeographic rules, which dictate size and shape variations within species due to external factors, are fairly well-understood by researchers for many types of habitats. However, there is a lack of established rules for how animals respond to local climates created by mountains. Research Associate Noé de la Sancha, PhD, and his colleagues conducted a study of mice in the Andes region to explore this question. The research team found that the “rain shadow” effect—which causes hot, moist air to rise up the windward side, depositing precipitation as it moves up the mountain, and resulting in a desertification effect as cool, dry air descends on the other side—causes consistent size variation in mice from similar locations.

(Below) *Abrothix hirta* from el Fundo Dan Martin in Valdivia, Chile. This species was found to have size variations within the same environment due to the rain shadow effect.



# OUR NEW COLLECTION MANAGERS



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**1 MICHELLE BROWNLEE**  
**Anthropology**

Michelle Brownlee was promoted to Anthropology Collections Manager for North America in late September 2022 after working on the *Native Truths: Our Voices, Our Stories* exhibition collections team and as an Anthropology Collections Assistant. In these roles, she has worked to connect Indigenous communities to their heritage and deliver the highest quality of care for the North American collections. Michelle has been a primary organizer of Indigenous Peoples' Day and Native American Heritage Month programs and initiatives at the Museum. She also serves on the Museum-wide DEAI Council. Prior to the Field Museum, she was an American Indian Museum Fellow at the Minnesota Historical Society; while earning her degree at the University of Minnesota Morris, she was a Native American Student Success Peer Mentor. She has conducted fieldwork at the Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site in southern Illinois and assisted the Hamline University Anthropology department faculty and Minnesota Indian Affairs staff with burial recovery efforts.

**2 RACHUNLIU "CHUN" KAMEI, PHD**  
**Amphibians and Reptiles**

Rachunliu "Chun" Kamei joined the Field as Collections Manager of Amphibians and Reptiles. She is a Naga of the Rongmei tribe from the hills of Northeast India. She left her hometown at a young age for education, research, and eventual employment opportunities. She taught as an Assistant Professor at Delhi University for six years before pursuing a career in natural history. She received her PhD from the University of Delhi and served as a Marie Curie postdoctoral fellow at the Natural History Museum, London, focusing on caecilian amphibians from the northeast Indian region. Her field-based research on the caecilians (a group of legless amphibians) of northeast India resulted in the most comprehensive study of caecilians from any one region in Asia.

Her primary research interests are taxonomy and systematics of amphibians, reptiles and synbranchid eels of India. She is also committed to public outreach and the engagement of local communities in conservation.

**3 MICHAEL DONOVAN, PHD**  
**Paleobotany**

Michael Donovan will join the Field as Collections Manager of Paleobotany in March 2024. He is currently Senior Collections Manager of Paleobotany and Paleoecology at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History, managing a collection similar to the Field's. Mike also holds appointments as Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Biology at Case Western Reserve University, and Research Collaborator at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. He received his PhD in Geosciences from Pennsylvania State University in 2017. His research interests involve the evolution of food webs through time, principally focusing on the evolutionary and ecological responses of plants and herbivorous insects to major environmental perturbations, including mass extinctions and climate change. Mike is experienced in assembling a large team of volunteers and students to help further his collections management work in Cleveland, and has developed successful outreach programs in paleobotany. He continues this work through his engagement with DEAI initiatives.

**4 KIMBERLY HANSEN, PHD**  
**Flowering Plants**

Kimberly Hansen joined the Field Museum in June 2023 as Collections Manager for Flowering Plants. She served as the Assistant Curator at the Marion Ownbey Herbarium at Washington State University, where she completed her doctorate in Plant Sciences. Kimberly has extensive experience in managing loans and specimens, including unprocessed specimens, as well as supervising students and volunteers. She has received several awards and funding for her work,

including research grants from the International Association of Plant Taxonomists, the Gesneriad Society, and the American Philosophical Society. Kimberly's research interests are focused on genomics, and she has developed relationships with researchers and herbaria in Latin America, especially Colombia and Ecuador. Her knowledge of neotropical plants will be a great asset to the Field Museum and its John G. Searle Herbarium.

**5 SEAN KEOGH, PHD**  
**Invertebrate Zoology**

In June 2023, the Museum welcomed Sean Keogh as Collections Manager of Invertebrate Zoology. Before arriving at the Field, Sean was a PhD candidate in Ecology, Evolution, & Behavior at the University of Minnesota, as well as a Curatorial Assistant in the Mollusks & Crustaceans Collection at the Bell Museum. Sean has conducted fieldwork and research on fishes, amphibians, and mollusks for more than a decade with particular emphasis on freshwater bivalves. His research combines inferences from the field, natural history collections, and experiments to answer questions in evolutionary biology and conservation. Sean has an extensive background curating and studying museum collections. He has published in *Journal of Biogeography* and *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution*. He has also been active in mentoring high school students from underrepresented backgrounds in collections-based biodiversity research and is interested in expanding similar programs in Invertebrate Zoology at the Field.

## OUR NEW CURATORS



### **BRUNO DE MEDEIROS, PHD**

**Negaunee Assistant Curator of Pollinating Insects**

Bruno de Medeiros, PhD, joined the Field Museum in September 2022. Bruno is an entomologist who studies the vast diversity of insects, with a primary focus on plant-pollinator interactions in the tropics. He received his PhD in Organismic and Evolutionary Biology from Harvard University (2018), preceded by a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Biology from the University of São Paulo in Brazil.



### **FABIANY HERRERA, PHD**

**Assistant Curator of Paleobotany**

Fabiany Herrera, PhD, came to the Field Museum from the Chicago Botanic Garden where he was a postdoctoral research associate. Fabiany grew up in Colombia and became the country's first paleobotanist. He received his PhD in Botany (2014) and his Master's degree in Geology (2008) at the University of Florida, and his Bachelor's degree in Geology at the Industrial University of Santander, Colombia (2005).

**20,194**

CITATIONS OF FIELD  
MUSEUM SCHOLARS

**280+**

ARTICLES  
PUBLISHED

**150**

SCIENTISTS  
ON STAFF

**26**

NEW SPECIES TO  
SCIENCE DESCRIBED







(Left) Flowering *Rhododendron* plants in the foothills of the Hengduan Mountains.

## FLOWERS ARE GREAT NEIGHBORS

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In the Hengduan Mountains of southeastern China, many closely related *Rhododendron* species live alongside each other and contribute to the striking biodiversity in the area, found in a paper co-authored by MacArthur Curator of Flowering Plants Richard Ree, PhD. These species, recently diverged from a common ancestor, compete more intensely with each other for the same resources, including pollinating insects, than with other neighboring plants. In many cases, competition like this would lead to one species overtaking the others, but these *Rhododendron* cousins have evolved different flowering schedules to live in harmony and avoid competing with each other.



## WHEN DINOSAURS CONQUERED THE SKIES

Associate Curator of Fossil Reptiles Jingmai O'Connor, PhD, has authored an exquisitely illustrated exploration of how dinosaurs evolved flight and eventually became the birds we know today. Written for readers ages 8–12, *When Dinosaurs Conquered the Skies*' award-winning story proves that fact can definitely be stranger than fiction!

Get your copy today at the Field Museum Store or online at [store.fieldmuseum.org](http://store.fieldmuseum.org).

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## SUE WAS WARM-BLOODED!

Research into dinosaur bone samples provides further information about their physiology and evolution. By examining the bones' biochemical byproducts, scientists can theorize which species breathed more than others, revealing which were likely warm-blooded or cold-blooded. The findings suggest that lizard-hipped dinosaurs, like *T. rex*, were warm-blooded and bird-hipped dinosaurs, like *Triceratops*, were cold-blooded.

(Right) Microscopic view of extracted fossilized soft tissue from the bones of an *Allosaurus* specimen that was investigated for signs of warm-bloodedness.





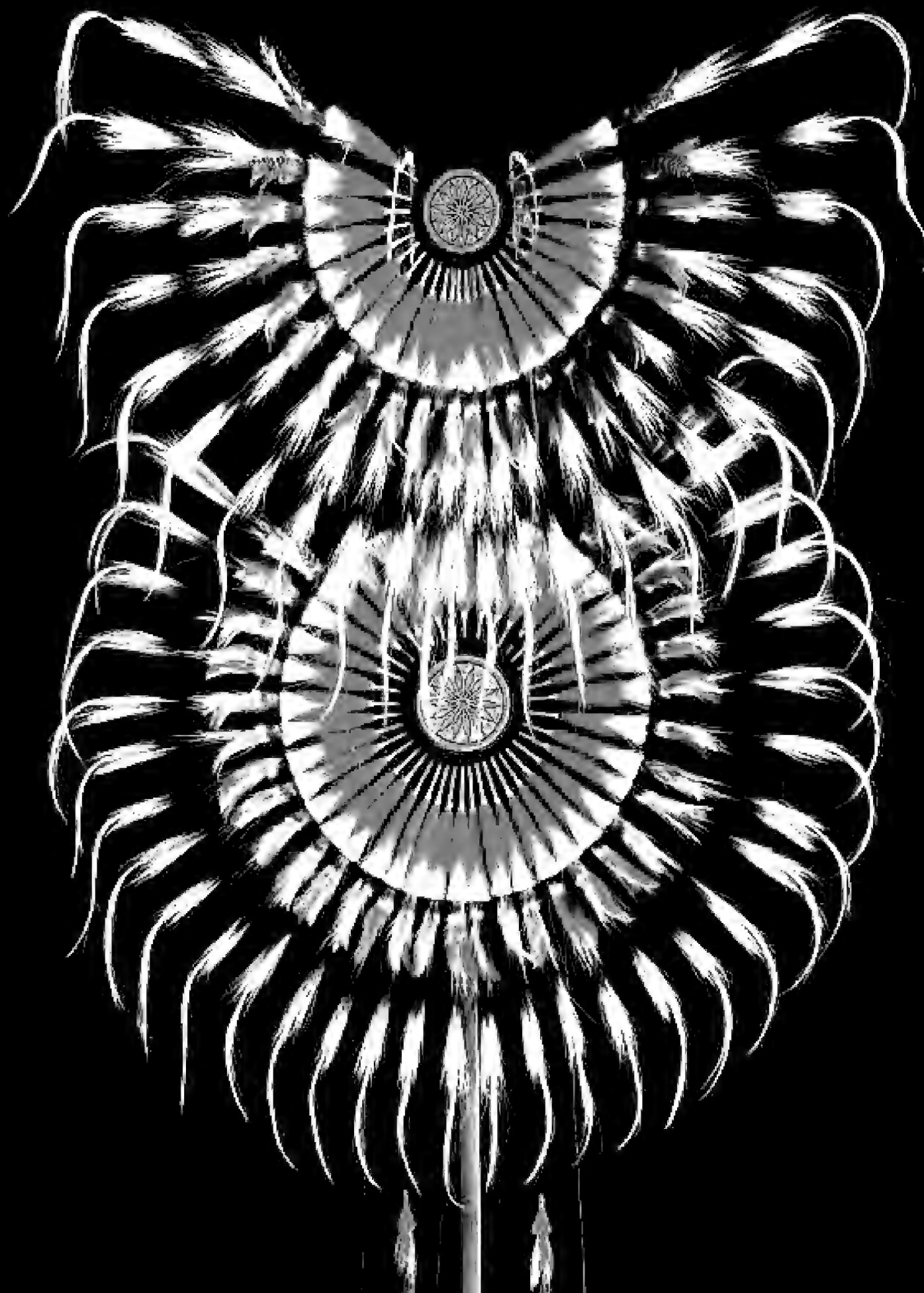


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## A BEASTLY FOSSIL COMES TO THE FIELD

For the past six years, a team including Chief Fossil Preparator Akiko Shinya, students, and volunteers has been excavating the fossil of a large hadrosaur. Nicknamed “The Beast” for its enormous size, the 2,500-pound block of steel-reinforced plaster field jacket arrived at the Field Museum in September 2022, where it will be prepared for study. Inside is the skeleton of a 75-million-year-old duckbilled *Parrosaurus missouriensis*, named for Missouri—the state where it was discovered, and a rare site to find dinosaur bones.

(Above) Chief Fossil Preparator Akiko Shinya (far left) and her team with “The Beast” fossil in its protective plaster field jacket at the dig site. Scientists cover excavated fossils in plaster to protect them as they journey from excavation sites to labs back at the Museum where they will be prepared for study.



# IMPACT

The Field Museum connects all of us to the natural world and the human story. Through exhibitions, community outreach, and educational programs, the Field shares science and supports the next generation of scientists.





## **NATIVE TRUTHS: OUR VOICES, OUR STORIES**

The Field Museum opened its newest permanent exhibition, *Native Truths: Our Voices, Our Stories*, in the summer of 2022. Four years in the making, the groundbreaking exhibition was created with the guidance of an advisory council of 11 Native American scholars and museum professionals, and in partnership with 130 collaborators representing more than 100 tribes. Visitors can experience stories of self-determination, resilience, continuity, and the future that come to life through historic and contemporary beadworks, ceramics, murals, music, dance, and more.

*The Field Museum gratefully acknowledges the Sarowitz Family for lead support of Native Truths: Our Voices, Our Stories. Major support is offered by the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, the Efromyson-Hamid Family, Roger and Peter McCormick/Chauncey and Marion D. McCormick Foundation, and Mellon Foundation. Additional support is provided by Carolyn S. Bucksbaum, Elizabeth Morse Genius Charitable Trust, Julie and Matthew K. Simon, and Cia and Tom Souleles.*

(Opposite) A horsehair dance bustle loaned to the exhibition by one of its storytellers, Dave Spenser. His parents, Chee Joe (Diné) and Lucille Spencer (Mississippi Chahta), owned a popular Native arts store in Chicago and purchased the bustle from Ruben Mitchell (Sac & Fox) in 1978.

(Above) Photograph of Lerris Keahna (Meskwaki) dancing at the 2019 Meskwaki powwow.



## CONNECTING INDIGENOUS PARTNERS TO THE COLLECTIONS

(Above) Charlene Plume (left), an Elder in the Blackfoot Stand-Up Headdress Society, and Museum Conservator Erin Murphy restore a headdress for *Native Truths*.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awarded the Field Museum a \$1 million grant to support ongoing work with Indigenous North American communities to connect them with the cultural material in the anthropology collections. The grant supports early career development opportunities for Indigenous graduates, a collaborative loan program for descendant communities to display collection items, and a knowledge exchange program to expand the Museum's understanding of the items in the Field's care and for Indigenous communities to learn more about the Museum's methods of object care.

Grant funding supported staff participation at the International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries, and Museums in October. In January, Sam Frank joined the Museum as its first Mellon Early Career Fellow. Recently, the Museum hosted Lakota guests for its first Knowledge Exchange. Staff shared practical methods on exhibiting their heritage that minimize damage to collections, while guests shared their knowledge about the Lakota collections.





## MONARCHS ADDED TO THE INTERNATIONAL ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST

Monarchs, with their striking orange and black wings, are some of the most well-known butterflies. But, the monarch—whose population has declined by 80% in the last 20 years—has recently been included on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species™ as endangered, threatened by habitat destruction and climate change. That means these butterflies are just steps away from extinction.

The Field Museum's Keller Science Action Center seized the opportunity to remind us all that there are still things we can do! "What we plant matters," said Abigail Derby Lewis, Interim Director of the Keller Science Action Center. "Everyone can take action to help support the monarch butterfly, which also helps a wide range of other pollinators." Small individual actions collectively add up to significant gains for monarchs and other butterflies and bees.

(Left) Native midwestern plants are the focus of the Museum's outreach. However, familiar garden plants can also provide much needed nectar for monarch butterflies.

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**6,800**

NATIVE PLANTS DISTRIBUTED  
TO COMMUNITY GARDENS

**6,094**

STUDENTS ENGAGED BY YOUTH  
CONSERVATION ACTION

**2,209**

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENGAGED  
IN CONSERVATION ACTION IN  
THE CHICAGO REGION

**456**

NATURE KITS DISTRIBUTED  
TO CHICAGOLAND SCHOOLS

**127**

PARTICIPANTS IN MONARCH  
COMMUNITY SCIENCE

## ROOTS & ROUTES DEEPENS COMMUNITY TIES TO URBAN NATURE

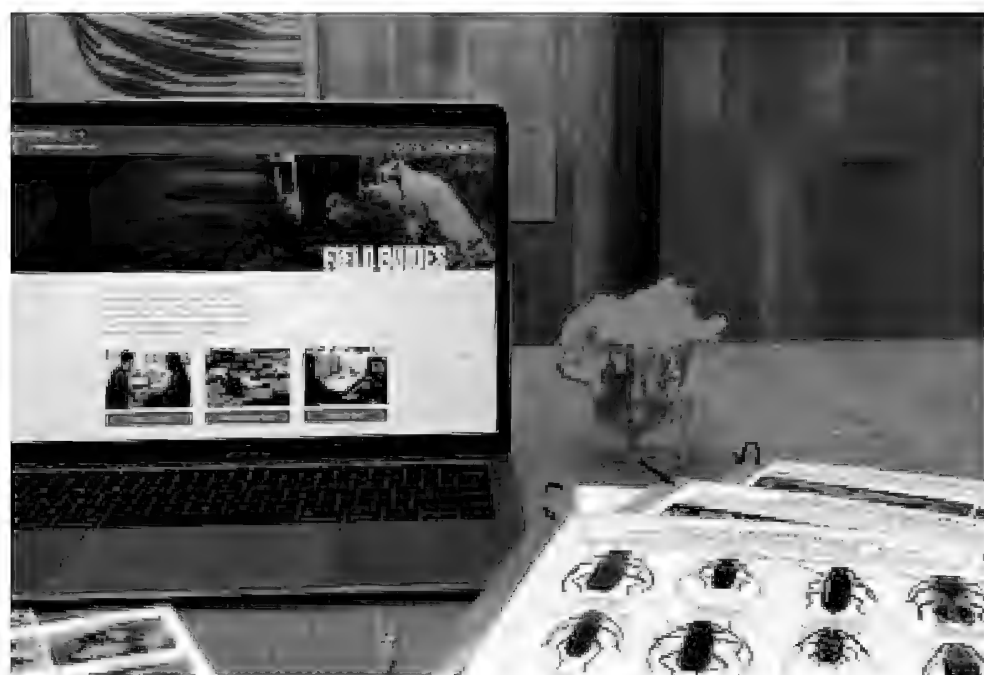
The Roots & Routes initiative works to co-create and sustain Chicago's south lakefront natural area, the Burnham Wildlife Corridor (BWC), as a refuge for wildlife and nearby communities. In collaboration with the Chicago Park District as well as local artists and community partners, the Keller Science Action Center organized large cultural programs at BWC Gathering Spaces in 2021: the Mid Autumn Festival and Día de los Muertos, which celebrated ancestral ties to the natural world. These popular annual events attracted more than 400 residents of all ages.

The Keller Center also led the creation of a booklet and webpage ([gatheringspaces.org](http://gatheringspaces.org)) that shares the Roots & Routes model for integrating art and culture into urban greenspace design. This Gathering Spaces guidebook was launched at a Pilsen event in November that convened funders, practitioners and community leaders from across Chicago.

(Background) Community members came together in Roots & Routes' Gathering Spaces to celebrate Día de los Muertos.







## FIELD GUIDES MOVE TO A NEW HOME

Field Guides—free scientific resources for the Field Museum community—have been a flagship initiative of the Keller Science Action Center for the past 24 years. They not only catalog wildlife across the globe, but also represent hundreds of partnerships with researchers, educators, and local community leaders. Early in November, the Keller Center unveiled the newly redesigned Field Museum Field Guides website featuring increased functionality and easier access to over 1,300 free, high-quality field guides from 40 countries! Further improvements to the website will include a section highlighting partners' stories, an interactive map showing the global distribution of Field Guides, and shortcuts for finding Field Guides created for specific parks and reserves.

(Above) Field Guides' updated website.

**902,994**

DOWNLOADS FROM USERS  
IN 192 COUNTRIES IN 2022

**1,353**

TOTAL GUIDES  
REPRESENTING  
41 COUNTRIES

**81**

NEW GUIDES CREATED  
IN 2022 BY 260 AUTHORS

## CALUMET VOICES, NATIONAL STORIES

After traveling around Chicago's Southeast Side and portions of northwest Indiana, *Calumet Voices, National Stories* opened in November at the Field Museum with a collection of the history, art, and biodiversity of the Calumet region, which surrounds the southern tip of Lake Michigan. The exhibition is a culmination of a collaborative series presented in recent years, with 15 local museums and history centers sharing their stories. The Field's exhibition focuses on the region by highlighting our scientists' research and activism in the area.

(Below) Renowned local artist Roman Villarreal uses recycled material to craft figurines that reflect community life.



## CROWN FAMILY PLAYLAB REOPENS!

After two years of closure, the *Crown Family PlayLab* re-opened in June 2022 to families with children ages 2–6. The *Crown Family PlayLab* serves as a critical gateway for children to experience the four core sciences of the Museum in a developmentally appropriate way. The Field welcomed new staff members and volunteers to help create opportunities for families with young explorers to nurture their curiosity and ignite a scientific spark in visitors. Focusing on accessible programs, early learners explored *PlayLab* favorites while engaging with new elements in the space. These included a cast of SUE's skull, a field tent station, interactive science tables in the Scientists' Lab, and daily art programs in the Discovery Studio.

(Right) In the *Crown Family PlayLab*, kids can explore music and instruments from all over the world.



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## CELEBRATE DIVERSITY IN SCIENCE

The *Changing Face of Science* exhibition series was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services grant award #MA-249085-OMS-21.



The *Changing Face of Science* is a new exhibition and program series that highlights the work of six Field Museum scientists from diverse backgrounds and in a range of disciplines. The first installment centered on Lynika Strozier's path into biological research and science education. Lynika discovered a passion for DNA sequencing in college, which eventually made her an asset to several teams at the Field. As her colleagues have put it, Lynika had "hands of gold." Unfortunately, she passed away in 2020 due to complications associated with COVID-19. The *Changing Face of Science* was inspired by and celebrates the life of Lynika Strozier and her contributions to science. New versions of the exhibition will open through 2024.

(Left) Lynika Strozier was a featured speaker in 2018 as part of the kick-off event for the Museum's 125th Anniversary and *Because Earth* campaign.

**153**

INTERNS TO ALL  
DEPARTMENTS

**113**

GRADUATE STUDENTS  
ADVISED

**42**

RESIDENT GRADUATE  
STUDENTS

**16**

POSTDOCTORAL  
RESEARCHERS SUPPORTED



## HERITAGE CELEBRATIONS AT THE FIELD

The Field Museum sponsored a full schedule of events to celebrate diversity and culture throughout the year. Kicking off with Black History Month, the Museum hosted several guest speakers for a series of discussions on *Black in STEM*. Latinx Heritage Month brought beauty and color to Stanley Field Hall with performances and demonstrations by various community organizations. Native American Heritage Month concluded a year of celebrations with a blessing ceremony, screenings of Indigenous-directed short films, and pop-up presentations within the *Native Truths* exhibition. The Museum looks forward to celebrating these cultures and more with community partners in 2023 and beyond.

(Left) Museum guests explore the *Native Truths* exhibition in celebration of Native American Heritage Month.





## CONNECTING TO OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE *N.W. HARRIS* *LEARNING COLLECTION*

The *N.W. Harris Learning Collection* has been a cornerstone of the science learning resources available to Chicago-area educators and the students they serve for over 100 years. The collection boasts 1,400 individual objects for use in educational and community spaces where students can engage in the same inquiry practices as real scientists. The Field was excited to share that after years of pandemic closure, the *N.W. Harris Learning Collection* fully re-opened for the public in October 2022, including a brand new website. Since the re-opening, the Field has hosted teacher trainings, international delegations, and hundreds of museum guests.

(Above) The Harris collection invites the larger community to learn and teach from the Field's resources.



(Left) Participants in the Dozin' with the Dinos events explored museum specimens and exhibitions during their night at the museum.

## SUE THROWS A SLUMBER PARTY

Dozin' with the Dinos, the Field's signature family over-night program, resumed with optimism in 2022. Families with children ages 6–12 are provided an opportunity to explore the Museum in a unique way through this overnight event series. Activities included dissecting owl pellets, hands-on learning stations with specimens from our collections, meeting Field scientists and staff, and exploring the Museum's exhibitions after-hours.

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**596,299**

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES  
SERVED BY LEARNING  
CENTER PROGRAMS

**95,105**

VISITORS ENGAGED  
IN THE GRAINGER  
SCIENCE HUB

**427**

STUDENTS PARTICIPATED  
IN ON-SITE SUMMER  
CAMP PROGRAMS

**38**

NEW PROGRAMS AND  
RESOURCES CREATED  
(ONLINE/IN-PERSON)



## **DEATH: LIFE'S GREATEST MYSTERY**

*Death: Life's Greatest Mystery* opened in October, inviting visitors to challenge how they view life and death through a variety of perspectives. With artifacts, specimens, and immersive media experiences, visitors learned how life and death are part of a universal, continuous, and cyclical process. They discovered connections between growth and decay in an ever-changing multimedia experience at the heart of the exhibition that revealed how life goes on after death—and could not without it.



*Death: Life's Greatest Mystery* was organized by the Field Museum. Major support is generously provided by Lilly Endowment, Inc. Additional support is provided by Alicia and Peter Pond.

(Below) When a whale dies, it eventually sinks to the bottom of the ocean and becomes the foundation of a new ecosystem. This 10-foot-long diorama created for the exhibition shows how the whale's body serves as nutrients and supports hundreds of species for decades.





## STORYTIME AT THE FIELD

In 2022, the Field Museum was the featured site for Chicago Public Library's *Live from...!* hybrid storytelling series. Families with young children were invited to come to the Field and enjoy live storytelling events or watch them online via Zoom. While at the Field, librarians read storybooks and led children in songs, dances, and movement games, surrounded by the Museum's wondrous exhibitions. The Museum will continue to partner with the library in 2023, including co-hosting programs for Black History, Arab American, and Asian American Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Months.

(Left) The Field Museum and CPL's multi-modal collaboration made space for families to interact with science and storytelling.

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## JURASSIC OCEANS: MONSTERS OF THE DEEP

*Jurassic Oceans: Monsters of the Deep* opened in February and gave visitors the opportunity to explore the seas of the Jurassic period. Created in collaboration with the Natural History Museum, London, the exhibition included a mix of real fossils, taxidermy specimens, constructed replicas, and CGI projections, offering visitors an up-close-and-personal experience of the marine reptiles that ruled the seas while dinosaurs ruled the Earth. *Jurassic Oceans* represents a triumphant return as the Field's first major exhibition to open after the COVID-19 pandemic.

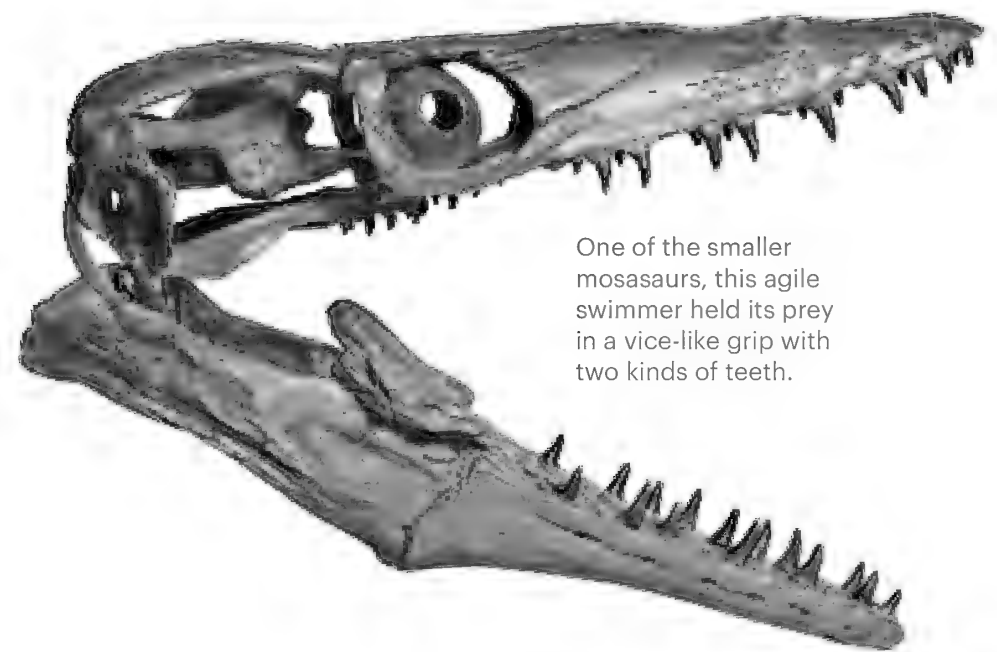
*Jurassic Oceans: Monsters of the Deep* is developed and produced by the Natural History Museum, London.

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**DISCOVER**



One of the smaller mosasaurs, this agile swimmer held its prey in a vice-like grip with two kinds of teeth.

# HONOR ROLL

The accomplishments of the Field Museum are made possible by a dedicated community of philanthropists. We gratefully acknowledge these donors for their generosity in 2022.





## BECAUSE EARTH CAMPAIGN COMPLETION

On June 21, 2022, more than 300 friends and supporters came together to celebrate the successful completion of the *Because Earth* campaign, the largest fundraising initiative in the Field Museum's 129-year history. Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of Chicagoans, the campaign exceeded its \$250 million goal, raising \$316 million, including \$125 million in new endowment.

(Left) Field Museum donors celebrating the close of the *Because Earth* Campaign.

(Above) Field Trustee Joan Rubschlager and her husband Paul were honored in the *Because Earth* campaign celebration for their major commitment to Museum endowment.



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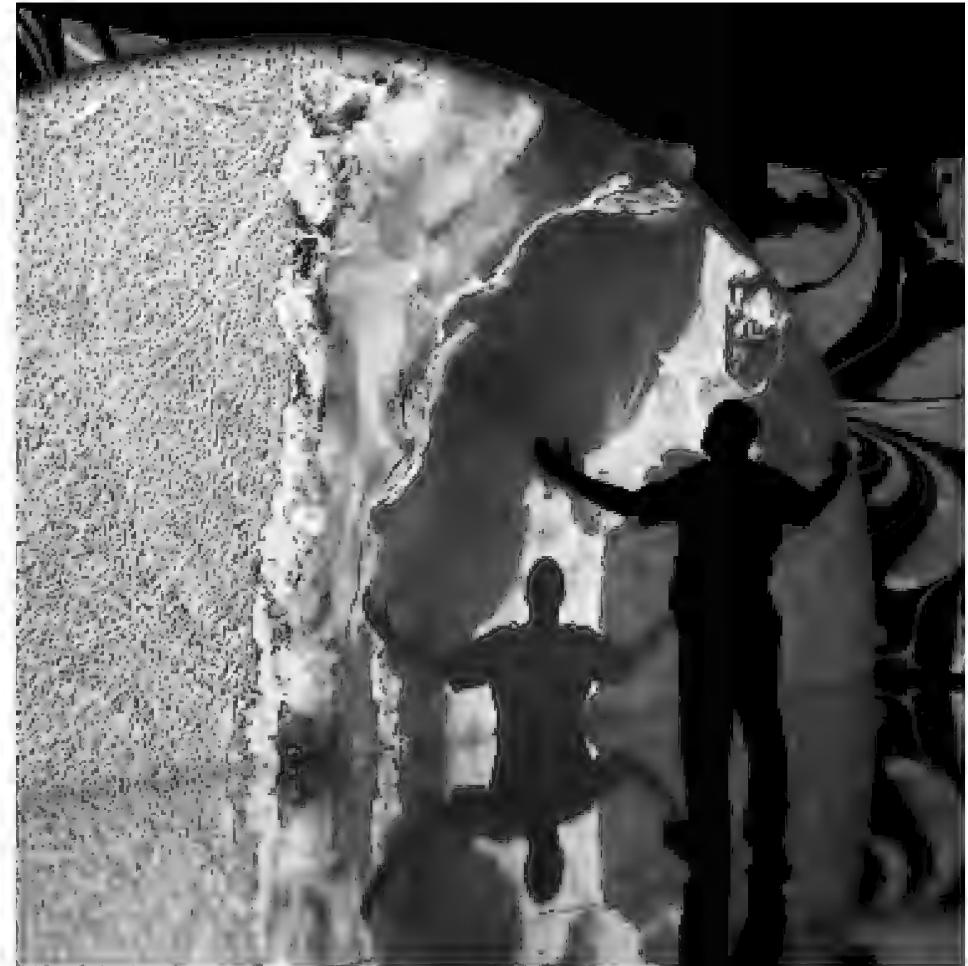
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The Field Museum was proud to host its first in-person gala in three years on October 15. The Benefit Celebration Gala welcomed 400 guests and raised more than \$2.1 million in support of the Museum's science, conservation, and education efforts. The event posthumously honored Trustee and former Board Chair John W. Rowe with the *Marshall Field V Award for Distinguished Leadership*.

Guests enjoyed a seated dinner in Stanley Field Hall, as well as roaming cocktail and dessert receptions featuring Field Museum experts on topics including Africa and Egypt, paleontology, geology, and botany. Teen volunteers and members of the Discovery Squad public program team also engaged guests with Museum collections throughout the evening.

(Right) Board Chair Bobby Mehta (second left) and his wife Swati (third left) enjoy fluorescent rocks with Collections Manager Jim Holstein (far right) and several other guests.



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## EVOLVE 2022

On October 5, the Field Associates hosted its annual EVOLVE fundraiser. The event welcomed more than 200 guests and raised \$79,000 through sponsorships, in-event contributions, and silent auction opportunities. Guests danced to a live band and mingled with Field Museum scientists.

(Left) Attendees of the EVOLVE gala enjoy a night engaging with Field scientists and the work that their contributions help make possible.

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On May 10, the Women's Board hosted Dr. Kim TallBear for the first in-person Women in Science Luncheon since 2019. She is a celebrated Indigenous scholar whose remarks were part of the Museum-wide celebration of the opening of *Native Truths: Our Voices, Our Stories*. Dr. TallBear delivered a keynote address to an audience of 400 guests and was joined by Field Museum Curator Emeritus Alaka Wali, PhD, for a moderated conversation and audience Q&A.

Guests were treated to a special luncheon menu developed in collaboration with The Sioux Chef, a Minneapolis-based company devoted to revitalizing Native American cuisine. Prior to the lecture and luncheon, Dr. TallBear spoke with 45 young women from Chicago Public Schools about careers for women in scientific fields.

(Above) Guests at the Women in Science Luncheon enjoy a thought provoking keynote address by Dr. Kim Tallbear.

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# IN MEMORIAM



**WILLARD L. "SANDY" BOYD**

With sadness and fond memories, we report the passing of former Field Museum President Sandy Boyd, on December 13, 2022. Splitting his career between the Field Museum and the University of Iowa, Sandy made invaluable contributions to Museum science and longevity, taking the institution from a strong presence to a world-class home of scientific advancement.



**WILLIAM C. BURGER**

Curator Emeritus Bill Burger passed away on November 26, 2022. Bill contributed over 50 years to the Field, most notably through the *Flora Costaricensis*, a rigorous taxonomic record of Costa Rican plants. Bill's effervescent presence will be missed at the Field and by all those who knew him.



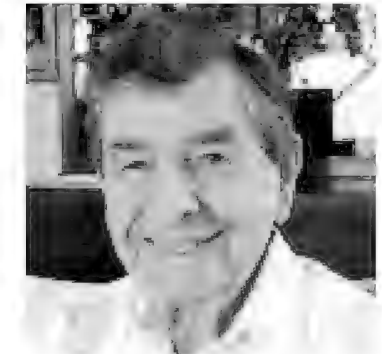
**SUZANNE HADLEY DICKES**

Sue Dickes was a member of the Museum's Women's Board since 1993, and with her spouse Byram Dickes joined the Founders' Council in 2002. Sue was a generous and enthusiastic supporter of Women's Board events and served as Co-Chair of the Museum's successful *Pompeii Ball* in 2005. She was a leader of many Chicago and Winnetka civic organizations, including the Woman's Board of the Hadley Institute, where she was also a Life Trustee.



**SUZANNE S. DIXON**

Sue Dixon passed away on August 19, 2022. Sue was a Chicagoland native and an engaged member of her community, including serving on the Field Museum's Women's Board. She brought her love of Chicago's natural beauty into her work furthering the Field's mission, and her spirit will be missed at the Museum.



**DR. LESTER FISHER**

Former Director of the Lincoln Park Zoo and friend of the Field Museum, Dr. Lester E. Fisher passed away on December 22, 2021. Dr. Fisher was best known as the Lincoln Park Zoo's first veterinarian, fostering a love of zoology in a generation of Chicagoans. He transformed the notion of what a zoo is during his 30-year tenure as director, emphasizing the importance of education and conservation while furthering animal welfare and care. Dr. Fisher's commitment to his community will be remembered.

## IN MEMORIAM



### ELLEN HYNDMAN

Ellen Hyndman passed away on September 11, 2022. She was a devoted member of the Field Museum community, contributing 35 years as a tour guide, docent, and member of the Women's Board. Her commitment to education was a welcome presence at the Museum. Her curiosity and generous spirit will be missed by all who knew her.



### JOHN LANZENDORF

John Lanzendorf passed on May 27, 2022. He had a keen interest in paleontology and amassed an extraordinary collection of dinosaur art, some of which was displayed at the Field in 2000 to welcome SUE the *T. rex*. His vast collection was later gifted to the Indianapolis Children's Museum.



### RICHARD JONES

Richard Jones passed away on March 9, 2022. He served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Field Museum (1986-1988) after retiring from his position as president of Sears, Roebuck, and Company. The Board will miss his leadership and commitment to the Field's mission.



### EILEEN MACKEVICH

A friend to the Field Museum for many years, Eileen Mackevich was a visionary leader of cultural and educational institutions. She led a life of service that celebrated and informed the public about history, the arts, and humanities. Among her many contributions to civic life, she served as producer and host of "Inside World News" on WBEZ-FM; co-creator of the Chicago Humanities Festival; and executive director of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission in Washington, DC.



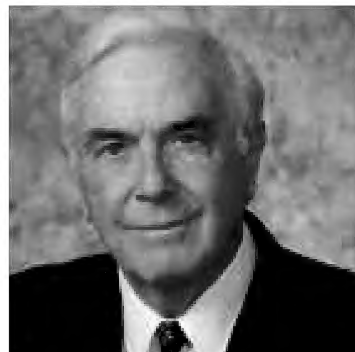
### WITHROW W. MEEKER

Withrow Meeker joined the Field's Women's Board in 1975 and served as its President from 1996 to 1998. Under her leadership, the Women's Board established two programs which remain important to its mission today: Field Dreams, which supports special projects undertaken by the Museum's scientists and educators; and the Women in Science Luncheon, which supports young women on their path to science careers. Withrow's dedication to supporting early career scientists led her to establish and endow the John Caldwell Meeker Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Field Museum, in honor of her late husband.



### JOSEPHINE MINOW

Josephine Minow passed away on February 17, 2022. She was a longtime advocate and contributor to Chicago's cultural institutions, and served on the Field Museum's Women's Board for more than four decades. She left her mark on her community and her generous spirit will be missed at the Field.



### HAROLD BYRON SMITH, JR.

Harold Smith was a business leader, civic volunteer, and philanthropist. During his distinguished career with Illinois Tool Works (ITW), he also served on the Boards of many Chicago businesses and institutions including Northern Trust, W.W. Grainger, Rush University Medical Center, The Newberry Library, Northwestern University, and Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The Field Museum is deeply grateful for Mr. Smith's personal generosity and example of community leadership.



### JOHN W. ROWE

John Rowe served as a trustee of the Field Museum for 24 years. Throughout his tenure on the Board of Trustees, John was a tireless advocate for the Field Museum. In addition to serving as Chair of the Board of Trustees from 2012 to 2015, John chaired the Government Relations, Development, and Governance Committees and was active with several other committees, including Integrative Research. John and Jeanne Rowe generously endowed two positions at the Museum: the Rowe Family Curator of Evolutionary Biology and the Rowe Family Director of the Keller Science Action Center. The Field is grateful for his passion for learning and tireless support of Field Museum science and exhibitions.

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# REMEMBERING W. ROCKWELL WIRTZ



(Right) Past Board Chair Rocky Wirtz presenting the Stanley Cup at the Field Museum, 2015.

The Field Museum community mourns the passing of W. Rockwell (Rocky) Wirtz, President of the Wirtz Corporation, Chairman of the Chicago Blackhawks, and Field Museum Board Chair.

Rocky's transformational impact on the Blackhawks is well-known; his time with the Field Museum was no less influential. He joined the Museum as a Trustee in 2009. After chairing the Marketing Committee, he was unanimously elected to serve as Board Chair in March 2021. Rocky deftly steered the Board during the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic and provided his characteristic thoughtful, insightful counsel at a time when it was greatly needed.

As a Campaign Co-Chair for the \$316 million *Because Earth Campaign*, Rocky helped to secure funds that will sustain the Field for future generations. He and his wife Marilyn also steadfastly and generously supported the Museum's outreach programs and Women's Board initiatives, especially as Premier Host Committee members for the annual gala. They are Field Museum Benefactors—among the most generous donors in the Museum's history.

Rocky embodied what it means to be a Chicagoan: he was generous in every sense, tremendously proud of our city, admirably civic-minded, and warmly welcoming to all.





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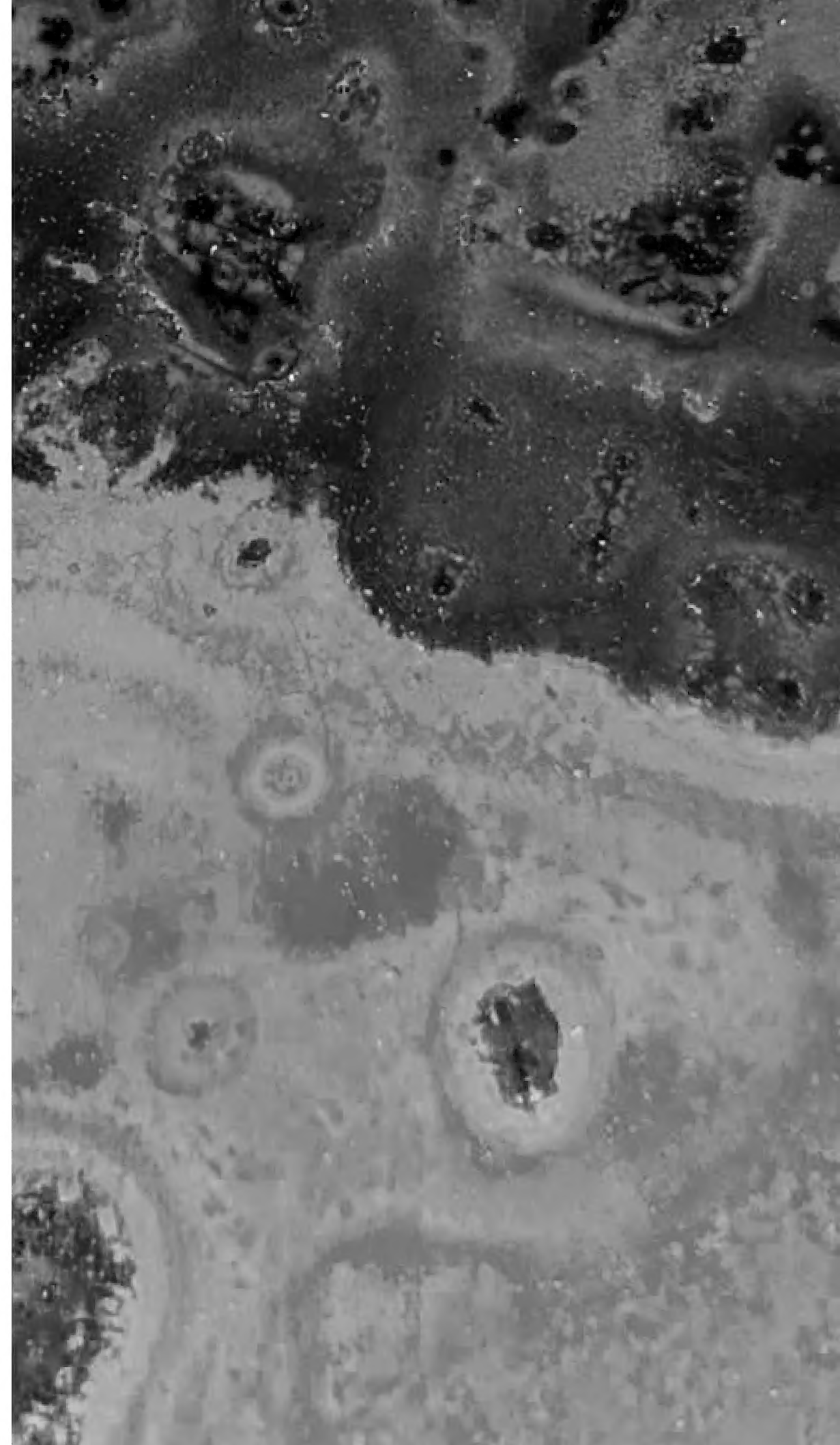
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